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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: MAKARIOS GOES ON OFFENSIVE AGAINST GRIVAS;
OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

BEGIN SUMMARY: CARRYING VERBAL ATTACK TO GRIVAS FOR FIRST
TIME , MAKARIOS SCATHINGLY DENOUNCES GENERAL' S " CRIMINAL ACTS".
BISHOPS TO MEET APRIL 12, ARE EXPECTED TO EXTEND DEADLINE.
ALL LOCAL PAPERS CONDEMN ARAB ATTACKS IN NICOSIA.
GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS RESTRICT EVEING ACTIVITIES.
END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING APRIL 8 AND 10 RAIDS ON KOUTRAFAS AND PRASTIO
POLICE STATIONS, MAKARIOS SHARPLY ATTACKED GENERAL
GRIVAS FOR CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO NATIONAL
DISASTER. HE SAID KOUTRAFAS STATION, ADJACENT TO TURK
CYPRIOT CONTROLLED AREAS, CONSTITUED " NATIONAL OUTPOST"
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AND NOTED THAT THREE POLICEMEN WERE INJURED AND ONE ATTACKER DIED IN THIS "HEROIC FOOLISHNESS". MAKARIOS ALSO CASTIGATED GRIVAS FOR PRASTIO ATTACK, WHICH OCCURRED WHILE POLICE WERE BUSY TRYING TO DEAL WITH ARAB TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN ATTACKS ON ISRAELI AMB'S RESIDENCE AND ISRAELI AIRCRAFT. ASSAULT ON CYPRIOT POLICE AT THIS TIME SHOWS, SAID MAKARIOS, THAT GRIVAS IS UNMOVED BY "FRATERNAL BLOODSHED" AND DANGER OF CIVIL WAR. ARCHBISHOP REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION RESIST TERRORIST ACTS AND STATED SECURITY FORCES WOULD INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS CHECK GRIVAS' "GROWING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES". (PRO- GRIVAS ETHNIKI AND GNOMI DENY GRIVAS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRASTIO RAID, IN WHICH ATTACKERS WERE REPORTEDLY REPULSED, AND CLAIM GOVT CREATED INCIDENT DOLELY TO JUSTIFY ARCHBISHOP'S CONDEMNATION OF FORMER EOKA LEADER.)

2. CYPRUS BISHOPS WILL MEET APRIL 12 TO CONSIDER FURTHER ACTION AGAINST MAKARIOS, FOLLOWING HIS REFUSAL TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THEIR DECISION TO DEFROCK HIM. BISHOPS HAD GIVEN MAKARIOS 30 DAYS TO APPEAL DECISION. NOW, WE UNDERSTAND, THIS WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL AFTER EASTER.

3. ALL LOCAL PAPERS HAVE EDITORIALIZED AGAINST ARAB ATTACKS IN NICOSIA, WITH VARYING DEGREES OF VEHEMENCE. RIGHT WING ELEFThERIA CONDEMNED "MURDEROUS ACTION WHICH HAS DYED STREETS OF NICOSIA WITH BLOOD;" PRO- MAKARIOS PHILELEFThEROS FOLLOWED GOVT LINE THAT ARAB- ISRAEL DISPUTE SHOULD BE KEPT OFF CYPRUS; WHILE EVEN LYSSARIDES PRO- ARAB TA NEA VIEW INCIDENT AS MISTAKE WHICH ENDANGERED LIVES OF POLICE AND ORDINARY PEOPLE. (GREEK CYPRIOT GRAPEVIEN HAS IT THAT LYSSARIDES SUPPLIED GUERRILLAS THEIR WEAPONS, BUT THIS NOT SUBSTANTIATED.) COMMUNIST HARAVGHI ATTACKED RIGHT WING CRITICS FOR INTEMPERATE STATEMENTS AGAINST MAKARIOS FOR HIS PRO- ARAB POLICY, BUT AT SAME TIME CALLED ON "ARAB FRIENDS" TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER ACTIONS IN CYPRUS. ACCORDING HARAVGH, ATTACKS ONLY HELP THOSE TRYING TURN CYPRUT INTO "AGGRESSIVE NATO SPRINGBOARD," ETC.

4. AS RESULT INTRA- GREEK CYPRIOT BOMBINGS AND ARAB ATTACKS, PEOPLE IN CYPRUS ARE BUTTONING UP AND STAYING OFF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROADS AT NIGHT. TCPA HAS CAUTIONED TURK CYPRIOTS

AGAINST LEAVING ENCLAVES AFTER DARK AND MOST EMBASSY
CONTACTS ARE FOLLOWING ADVICE. BRITISH AUTHORITIES AT
SBA' S TOO HAVE WARNED THEIR PEOPLE TO LIMIT EVENING
ACTIVITIES. THEY HAVE IMPOSED MILD CURFEW FOR BRITISH IN
LARNACA, SUGGESTING PEOPLE BE OFF STREETS AFTER DARK. GREEK
CYPRIOTS ALSO SEEM TO BE STAYING HOME AND ROADS
ARE ABNORMALLY EMPTY DURING NIGHT HOURS.
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